

## October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

The DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is dedicated to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities to lead self-directed, healthy and meaningful lives. Down syndrome is one of several diagnoses for which DDD provides services and supports.

### Know the Facts

#### Chromosome 21

A person with Down syndrome has a full or partial extra copy of chromosome 21

80%

Percentage of children with Down syndrome are born to women under 35 years of age

#### Increased life expectancy

From age 25 in 1983 to 60 today

#### Societal contributions

People with Down syndrome attend school, work, vote and contribute to society

Learn more at [ndss.org](https://ndss.org) or call 800-221-4602

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